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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION AND THE CMRN

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON 27 JULY ADOPTED DECREE RESTROING
TITLE OF GOVERNOR TO THE REGIONAL LEADERS. SINCE LAST PARTY CONGRESS,
SOMEWHAT AWKWARD TITLE OF REGIONAL DELEGATE HAD BEEN USED. ANOTHER
DECREE SUPPRESSED POST OF ASSISTANT DELEGATE IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL
ACTIVITY. POSTS OF ASSISTANT GOVERNORS FOR ADMINSTRATIVE AFFAIRS
ALSO REINSTITUTED. APPOINTMENT OF AHMED OULD DIE AS NEW GOVERNOR
OF EIGHT REGION (NOUADHIBOU) TO REPLACE ABDALLAHI OULD BAH WAS ALSO
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ANNOUNCED.

2. CONSTITUTIONAL CHARTER OF MILITARY COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL RECITIF-
ICATION (CMRN) HAS ALSO BEEN PUBLISHED. COPY HAS BEEN POUCHED. IT ANNULS

FORMER CONSTITUTION OF MAY 20, 1961, ALTHOUGH LAWS AND RULES NOW
IN EFFECT REMAIN VALID UNLESS CHANGED BY PRESIDENT CHARTER. IT

DISSOLVES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PARTY, AND ATTRIBUTES LEGISLATIVE POWER TO CMR, ALONG WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING AND CARRYING OUT GENERAL POLICY OF NATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS.

3. DECISION IN CMRN ARE TAKEN BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT WITH PRESIDENT SALECK HAVING ITE-BREAKING VOTE. REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY 15 DAYS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS WHEN REQUIRED BY PRESIDENT OR BY ONE THIRD OF CMRN MEMBERS (I.E. SIX). PRESIDENT OF CMRN NAMES AND DELEGATES POWERS TO CABINET MINISTERS, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND MILITARY OFFICERS, ACCREDITS AMBASSADORS AND ENVOYS, SIGNS AND RATIFIES TREATIES (WITH AUTHORIZATION OF CMRN), HAS RIGHT TO GRANT AMNESTY AND DECLARE STATE OF SIEGE OR EMERGENCY. FYI: EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE FROM GIRM OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF COMMITTEE TITLE (SINCE FRENCH WORD REDRESSEMENT AND ARABIC WORD TAKOEM HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED VARIOUSLY AS RECTIFICATION, REFORM, CORRECTION, AND STRAIGHTENING) RESULTED IN RETURN CALL FROM GIRM TRANSLATION SECTION TO EMBASSY ONE HOUR LATER REQUESTING OUR ADVICE ON SUITABLE ENGLISH RENDERING. END FYI. KRYZA

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